

Present at meeting:      Ralph Bentley      Supervisor  
                                  Robert Olson      Councilman  
                                  Kenneth Higgins      Councilman  
                                  Matthew Simpson      Councilman  
                                  Frank Hill      Councilman  
                                  Krista Wood      Town Clerk  
                                  Mark Schachner      Town Counsel

Also: Dianna Bentley, Bill McGhie, Jane Smith, Tom Johansen, Christine Hayes, Dan Freebern, Peter Palmer, Bob and Sylvia Smith, Wayne Cioffari, Wayne Monroe, Joe Koch, Georgia McMeekin, and Teri Schuerlein, and others.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Contracts for 2014**

Supervisor Bentley opened the Public Hearing for the 2014 Contracts and opened the floor for comments.

Jane Smith thanked the Board for the monies allotted to ESSLA.

Councilman Olson asked if there were any changes from last year. Supervisor Bentley stated that the amount for ESSLA was less this year due to lower expenses.

There being no further comments, Messrs. Olson and Simpson moved to close the Public Hearing, all in favor. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 21<sup>st</sup> were approved by Motion of Messrs. Simpson and Olson, all Ayes.

**Approval of December 19, 2013 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #161-2013**

Messrs. Simpson and Olson introduced Res. No. 161 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF DECEMBER ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the December 19, 2013 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#347-371	\$ 19,841.80
Highway Vouchers	#156-166	\$ 14,907.42
General Abstracts	33 & 34	\$ 29,518.99
Highway Abstracts	33 & 34	\$ 17,061.28

Ayes 3 (Simpson, Olson, Bentley)      Abstain 1 (Higgins)      Absent 1 (Hill)

**Correspondence to the Board:**

-APA Local Gov't.      RE: 2014 Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference April 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>  
 -APA      RE: Granting of a permit to Howard Lebowitz  
 -ANCA      RE: North Country Clean Energy Conference June 4 – 6, 2014  
 -Matt Simpson      RE: Letter of resignation from Town Board effective December 31<sup>st</sup>

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 162 OF 2013**

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 162 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COUNCILMAN SIMPSON'S RESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, Matthew Simpson has submitted a letter of resignation as Town Councilman to be effective December 31, 2013, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby accept Matthew Simpson's resignation as Horicon Town Councilman effective December 31, 2013.

Ayes 4 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson, Bentley)      Absent 1 (Hill)

**RESOLUTION NO. 163 OF 2013**

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 163 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR 2014 AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN**

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board held a public hearing on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM regarding the proposed 2014 Contracts, AND

WHEREAS, the public had the opportunity to speak for or against said contracts at this hearing, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the following Contracts and authorizes the Supervisor to sign in the following amounts:

Emergency Service Provider	\$ 49,000.00
Horicon Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Senior Mini-Bus	\$ 4,680.00

North Warren Chamber of Commerce	\$ 6,000.00
Horicon Free Library	\$ 1,000.00
Horicon Senior Citizens	\$ 1,000.00
Chester-Horicon Health Center	\$ 5,000.00
Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,500.00
Brant Lake Foundation	\$ 20,000.00
East Shore Schroon Lake Association	\$ 12,744.00
Horicon Volunteer Fire Company	\$189,000.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 164 OF 2013**

Messrs. Higgins and Simpson introduced Res. No. 164 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTION**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Office of Tax Collector to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$200.00 for the 2014 tax collection period.

**RESOLUTION NO. 165 OF 2013**

Messrs. Higgins and Simpson introduced Res. No. 165 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SECOND NOTICE FEE FOR THE 2014 TAX COLLECTION PERIOD**

WHEREAS the Town is required by Sec. 987 of the Real Property Tax Law to mail a Notice of Delinquency to land owners who are delinquent in making real property tax payments and charge the landowner a second notice fee of \$1.00, AND

WHEREAS, the mailing of said notices costs the Town postage along with the cost of preparing and handling said notices, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Second Notice fee be established at \$2.00 for each delinquent notice that is sent, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Town of Horicon to impose the \$2.00 second notice fee on each delinquent notice sent to cover the cost of preparing and mailing the delinquent notice.

**RESOLUTION NO. 166 OF 2013**

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 166 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO HEALTH OFFICER**

Resolved, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to pay the Health Officer \$1,000.00 for the year 2013. The voucher was not submitted in time for the December 2013 abstract.

**RESOLUTION NO. 167 OF 2013**

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 167 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following fund transfers:

<b><u>From:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount:</u></b>
<i>Highway:</i>		
5142.1 (Snow Rem-Pers)	5110.4 (Gen Rep-Contr)	\$ 5, 379.90
5142.1 (Snow Rem-Pers)	5130.1 (Machin-Pers)	\$ 178.33
5142.1 (Snow Rem-Pers)	5130.4 (Machin-Contr)	\$ 5,028.76
<i>General:</i>		
1430.1 (Pers-Floater)	1620.4 (Bldgs-Pers)	\$ 2,000.00
9060.8 (Health Ins)	4540.4 (EMS)	\$ 12,250.00
7450.1 (Museum-Pers)	5182.4 (Street Lights)	\$ 1,712.58
9060.8 (Health Ins.)	9030.8 (Soc Sec)	\$ 5,000.00
1310.1 (Dir Finance)	1330.1 (Tax Coll)	\$ 1,066.40
1355.1 (Assess-Pers)	1355.4 (Assess-Contr)	\$ 16.83
1410.1 (Atty-Pers)	5132.4 (Hwy Gar)	\$ 5,384.49
1110.1 (Justice-Pers)	1330.1 (Tax Coll)	\$ 5,273.60
8160.1 (Refuse-Pers)	9030.8 (Soc Sec)	\$ 584.49
1990.4 (Contin)	1620.4 (Bldg-Contr)	\$ 150.00

**Old Business:**

WQIP Grant: Councilman Simpson said the WQIP Grant has been filed and there is a copy in Dawn's office.

**New Business:**

Request to DOT for field check on Town Shed Road: Councilman Simpson said that HS Smith has expressed concern over the safety of traffic entering Rout 8 from Town Shed Road. Councilman

Simpson noted there are certain standards that need to be met and suggested the Board contact the State Engineer to review the site. The Board agreed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 168 OF 2013**

Messrs. Olson and Simpson introduced Res. No. 168 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT REQUEST TO NYSDOT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize a letter be sent to NYSDOT requesting a field check at the intersection of Town Shed Road and State Rt. 8.

*Phone System quote:* A quote for a new phone system was submitted to the Town by Northeast Info Systems as the current phone system is obsolete. Councilman Olson asked if this is something that should be put out to bid and, if so, what the specs would be. Supervisor Bentley said there is someone at the County that may be able to help. Councilman Olson suggested they contact the County for more information before moving forward.

*New printer for Assessor:* The printer in the Assessor's Office is no longer working. Christine Hayes has found a replacement printer for \$449. The Board agreed they should purchase a new printer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 169 OF 2013**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 169 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE PRINTER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Assessor to purchase a new printer at a price of \$449.99 for the Assessor's Office.

**Privilege of the Floor**

-Jane Smith thanked Supervisor Bentley for all he has done for Horicon and wished him good luck. She also noted that she and Bill McGhie do a lot of work involving invasive species and they appreciate the support they get from the Town.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Simpson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill, to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel, an employee contract, and litigation, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:25 PM and Councilman Simpson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Olson, all in favor. Personnel, an employee contract, and litigation were discussed and no decisions were made.

**RESOLUTION NO. 170 OF 2013**

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 170 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO PAY TOWN OF CHESTER ON INSURANCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$847.12 to the Town of Chester for Paul Maniacek's health insurance for the first four months of the year.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Simpson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk